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For: RESORBABLE SURGICAL FIXATION	)	
DEVICE	)	
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the document listed on the attached PCT International Bureau search report. This document was cited in a PCT International Bureau Search Report dated March 8, 2006 that was received from the PCT International Office in a counterpart application (copy attached hereto).

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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed document and  
evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PCT search report.

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Respectfully submitted,

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